

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Guide

Service of Holy Communion



November 22, 2020

+ INDICATES THE CONGREGATION STANDS AS YOU ARE ABLE

WELCOME FROM PASTOR JACK

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C: **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One,

C: **we confess that we are not awake for you.**

We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

We are infected by sin

that divides your beloved community.

Open our hearts to your coming,

open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,

open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

P: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through + Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

+HYMN **Crown Him with Many Crowns**

1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

4 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE ASSIGNED SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then

the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.' ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

SERMON "What About Judgment Day?"

QUIET TIME FOR REFLECTION & PRAYER

HYMN OF THE DAY 🎵 **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!**

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.
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and crown him Lord of all.

+THE APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ EXCHANGE OF PEACE:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always

C: And also with you

(Please wave to your nearest worship neighbors)

OFFERING PRAYER

(Offering baskets will not be passed around. At the conclusion of the service, please place your offering in designated baskets in the rear of the sanctuary.)

P: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *"In the night in which he was betrayed..."*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(At the invitation of the pastor, please open your communion kit and consume the host and grape juice)

+ POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of
your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts
as we meet you on the way.

C: **Amen.**

+ BENEDICTION

+ SENDING **We Praise You, O God**

1 We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

3 With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Weekly Announcements

Lector: Jay Decker **Music Director:** Chad Flynn **Video:** Don Gulliksen

Holy Trinity wishes you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving this week. Please do your best to be COVID safe!

Special thanks to our women's group (WELCA) for leading our worship service last Sunday. All the women did a fantastic job. .

Some things you should know....

- In many ways, our sanctuary set-up and physical-distancing protocols exceed CDC guidelines for safe public gatherings
- The air blowers which heat the sanctuary are turned off at least thirty minutes prior to worship and are never re-activated so as to avoid spraying breath aerosol into the environment when people are in the sanctuary
- We are currently reaching approximately 200 people on Sundays and throughout the week with our YouTube streamed worship services. Viewers are connecting with us from several states, including, Texas, Florida, Tennessee, and the Carolinas
- Weekly Sunday School lessons are posted on our church's web page in addition to the weekly children's sermons
- Thermal-insulated curtains have been installed in one of our meeting rooms to save on energy costs
- **All liturgical wording for our worship bulletins is obtained from the national office of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)**

Congratulations to Emily Shields who became an adult member of the congregation through her Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) ceremony, slated for Saturday, November 21. Due to COVID restrictions, the ceremony will include only the immediate family.

Help us to reach souls on the internet. Could you please help us to defray the cost of the production hardware? Each gift you designate toward this project will be matched, dollar-for-dollar by a generous individual contributor. (See today's bulletin flyer). Simply include "tech project" on your check memo, or make a designated gift on our website: www.rockawaylutheran.org.

The WELCA Annual Christmas Bazaar has been cancelled for this year due to the COVID pandemic. Please (a) do not drop off donated items to the church to be sold at a later date and (b) please consider making a generous financial donation to WELCA in lieu of the bazaar, so that WELCA's beautiful ministries to the community may continue to be financially supported. Thank you for your generosity and prayerful support.

Lunch & Learn Adult Bible Study will be held on December 2. Join us at noon...bring a bag lunch. Physical distancing and facial coverings will be mandatory. For those unable or uncomfortable attending in person, the Bible study will be live streamed through the ZOOM format. Please contact Pastor Jack about the ZOOM link.

Potholders are still offered for sale by our women's group. These sturdy potholders are only \$10 for a set of two. Great Christmas gift idea. To purchase contact Joan Cosgrove or Ellen Crane.

Clothing Donations: Please place in the RED BIN in the rear parking lot of the church. Also taking shoes, handbags, stuffed toys, and linens!

Want to give electronically? 40% of our offerings now come in via electronic giving sources. To learn more, simply go to our web page at www.rockawaylutheran.org and click on the "donate" button. . . then follow the simple instructions. Still not sure? Please contact Donna Gulliksen at: Donna.Gulliksen@gmail.com or call her at 973-697-1895. Regular offerings (with date and frequency of your choice) as well as one-time gifts can be established electronically. All transactions are confidential.

Thank you to all those who donated socks to our annual "Sox in a Box" Campaign. Your generous donations will keep our impoverished neighbors warm this winter.

Christmas Eve Worship at Holy Trinity. In response to NJ COVID state regulations regarding attendance capacity and physical distancing, the Holy Trinity Council voted unanimously to offer two worship services on Christmas Eve: 3:30pm and 5:00pm. State legislation mandates a maximum attendance of 60 people for each of these liturgies. An RSVP "sign-up sheet" will be offered soon, and those who intend to worship "in person" will be granted first-come, first serve privileges for the sign up. Of course, the services will be offered live via the internet and archived for viewers to enjoy at any time. We regret any inconvenience this arrangement may pose for you or your family members, but we must be in compliance with CDC and state mandates during the pandemic.

Eight-Part Sermon Series



“Heavenly Reflections”

Join Pastor Jack as he explores the assigned ELCA Scripture texts which outline the Biblical concepts of Heaven, The Second Coming of Christ, Judgment Day, and our call to serve the Lord in anticipation of the end-times. Each sermon will be presented in the form of a question.

- 11/1 – “What is Heavenly Paradise?”
- 11/8 - “Now...or Later?”
- 11/15 - “What Should We DO?”
- 11/22- “What About Judgment Day?”
- 11/29- “How Can WE Remain Strong?”
- 12/6- “What’s He Waiting For?”
- 12/13- “HOW Can We Be Faithful?”
- 12/20- “What Does It All Mean for Us?”

Want to double your money?!

No, this isn't a casino, but it is the heart of our new streaming system.

If you are viewing from home, we hope the experience has been meaningful.

Be sure to share this form of community outreach by giving friends our website address of:
www.RockawayLutheran.org



Our system is composed of:

- high speed streaming computer
- over 500 feet of network cables
- 5 high definition cameras
- 2 computer monitors

If you donate to the cost of the equipment, a member of our congregation has pledged to match it, *doubling* the effect of your contribution!

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church's 2020 Picture with Santa



Drive-Thru!

December 13th & 20th 5-9 pm



Bring your loved ones to see and talk to Santa Claus from the
comfort of your own car!

You will also receive a photo sent to your Email address.
Come join us to celebrate the spirit of Christmas, safe and socially
distant.

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